



Date of occurrence: June 30, 2013

Employee Name: Donald McGavern and Dianna Hernandez

Classification: Police Officer

Unit/Division: Patrol

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation

Narrative: On Sunday, June 30, 2013 at 1047 hours the Surfside Police Department received 911 call of a fight between two males in the 8800 Block of Dickens Avenue. Officer Diana Hernandez was dispatched as the primary officer and Officer Donald McGavern as the back up officer. Upon arrival at the scene, Officer Hernandez and Officer McGavern found two landscapers who had been engaged in the physical altercation. One victim was in distress and unresponsive due to his injuries. Officer McGavern and Officer Hernandez immediately began CPR on the victim and continued cycles of breathe and compressions until Miami- Dade Fire Rescue arrived. The victim was transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital by Miami- Dade Fire Rescue and later expired.

Officer McGavern and Officer Hernandez were brought to exhaustion from their relentless efforts of administering CPR to the victim. Officer McGavern and Officer Hernandez maintained their composure and professionalism throughout this high stress incident. Officer McGavern's and Officer Hernandez's training, interpersonal communication skills and above all else their "compassion and commitment" to our community are commendable. Their actions provided the highest level of police service possible. Officer McGavern and Officer Hernandez are recommended for Officer of the Month for June 2013.